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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
CENTER FOR PROFESSIONAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN DENTISTRY**

**DOC CONFERENCE ROOM – LOWER LEVEL
3 CAPITOL HILL
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2016
8:00 A.M.**

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jeffrey Dodge, DMD, Chairman
Stephen Puerini, DMD, Vice Chairman
Donald Williams, Secretary
Russell Chin, DDS
Caroline Danish, DMD
Kerri Friel, RDH, COA, CDA, MA
Martin Nager, DMD
Susan Perlini, RDH, BS
Robert Ricci, Ph.D.
Marian Royer, DMD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Eric George, DMD
Louis Marciano, BS, M.Ed.
Maryellen Simas, RDH, BS, CDA, MSDH

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Sharon Friend, DMD, Board Administrator
Linda Esposito, Board Manager
Kenny Alston, JD, Chief Legal Counsel
Donna Valletta, Board Manager
Sarah Harrigan, Chief
Charma Waring, DOH Radiologic Health

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Lisa Wood, RIDA
Alan Lichtenfeld, DDRI
Christy Durant, Esquire, RIDA
Robert Bartro, DMD, RIDA
James Balukjian – DDRI
Julie Gallishaw, CCRI
Marie Jones-Bridges, RDH

1. Establishment of a quorum

A meeting of the Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry was held on Wednesday, July 13, 2016 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Room 401, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. A quorum was established and the Open Session meeting was called to order at 8:15 a.m. on a motion by Robert Ricci, Ph.D., and seconded by Martin Nager, DMD. Motion carried.

2. Motion to Adjourn to Closed Session

A motion was made by, Russell Chin, DDS, and seconded by, Kerri Friel, CDA, to adjourn to Closed Session at 8:15 a.m. pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(4) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. Motion carried.

3. Motion to Return to Open Session

Motion was made by Stephen Puerini, DMD, and seconded by Martin Nager, DMD, at 10:45 a.m. to re-open the Open Session and to seal the Minutes of the Closed Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-4, 42-46-5 and 42-46-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws. Board voted unanimously to approve. Motion carried.

4. Chief's Report

Sarah Harrigan, Chief of Professional Boards and Commissions, updated the Board on the following issues:

- Chief Division of Oral Health posting
 - The application period for this position has closed. The Department did receive applications from 3 potential candidates and is in the process of setting up dates for interviews. Chief Harrigan reminded the Board that this is not a Board Administrator position, and that the Chief Division of Oral Health would be a voting member of the Dental Board. More information will be provided as the interview and selection process progresses.
- Draft of proposed Rules and Regulations
 - The first section draft of the Rules and Regulations is being finalized. Once that process is completed, the draft must be submitted to the Office of Regulatory Reform (ORR) for review and performance of cost analysis before it can

proceed to Public Hearing. More information will be provided as the process progresses. The Board requested the record reflect they have expressed their concern and displeasure over the amount of time it is taking to complete and process the proposed changes to the Rules and Regulations.

5. Board Manager's Report

Board Manager, Linda Esposito, introduced Charma Waring, Supervising Radiologic Health Specialist with the Health Department's Division of Facilities Regulation, regarding Radiologic inspections to be conducted in Dental offices.

- Ms. Waring, as Supervising Inspector, provided the Board with an overview of the inspection process regarding Radiologic inspections of Dental offices. Ms. Waring advised that this will be a random inspection process and that the Division will make advance contact with the supervisor of each facility chosen for inspection. That advance contact will provide the facility with a selection of dates to choose from in order to best coordinate the inspection, as well as a checklist of what the inspector will be evaluating at the time of inspection.

6. Chairman's Report

- Communications
 - Board Members were provided information with regard to ADEX – Patient Centered Curriculum Integrated Format
 - Chairman Dodge asked Dr. Russell Chin, DDS, to report out on the CDCA Steering Committee meeting of June 16-17, 2016
 - ASTDD – State Oral Health Program Infrastructure and Capacity Policy Statement provided for Board information
 - CDC – Summary of Infection Prevention Practices in Dental Settings – Basic Expectations for Safe Care provided for Board information
 - Chairman Dodge requested that the Board Manager provide Board Members a copy of the “*FTC Staff Guidance on Active Supervision of State Regulatory Boards Controlled by Market Participants*”.
 - August 3, 2016 Board Meeting expected to move forward as scheduled
 - No additional topics for discussion at the August 3, 2016 Board Meeting were presented

7. Presentation of June 1, 2016 Open Session Minutes

After review, a Motion was made by Stephen J. Puerini, DMD, and seconded by Martin Nager, DMD, to accept the June 1, 2016 Open Minutes as written. Motion carried.

8. Review of Issued Licenses List

Board Members were provided a list of licenses issued from May 1, 2016 to July 11, 2016, for review.

9. New Business

None for this meeting.

10. Old Business

None for this meeting.

11. Public Comment

Marie Jones-Bridges thanked Chief Sarah Harrigan for conducting the Sub-Committee Meeting regarding the proposed Public Health Dental Hygienist Rules and Regulations draft and all the committee members for their time and input. Ms. Jones-Bridges requested a copy of the Licensee List presented at this meeting under the Access to Public Records Act, as well as a copy of the "Draft Notice of Inspections for Dental Radiographs" that was distributed during the Open Meeting to all attending interested public members if enough copies were available.

12. Final Actions on all votes taken in Closed Session

- 8 No Unprofessional Conduct
- 1 Letter of Concern
- 1 Reprimand

13. Adjournment

The next Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 3, 2016, at 8:00 a.m. at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Room 401, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. Motion was made by Marian Royer, DMD, and seconded by Robert Ricci, Ph.D., to adjourn at 11:35 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Esposito
Board Manager
State of Rhode Island
Center for Professional Boards and Commissions
Board of Examiners in Dentistry